

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A television system comprises an electronic program guide
 (EPG) including a picture-in-picture (PIP) window and means
 for returning to a last channel viewed full screen (LCF) in a
 television viewing mode prior to entering the guide mode. The
 EPG displays a program list including a listing for the LCF
 10 and text identifying it as such. This last channel listing is
 positioned at the top of a program list area in the guide.
 The viewer returns directly to the LCF in the television
 viewing mode by setting a cursor to the last channel listing
 prior to exiting the guide mode. In guides including listings
 15 for future programs, the last channel listing remains in a
 designated position of the program list area. To return to the
 LCF from the guide mode, the viewer cursors to the last
 channel listing in the program list and then presses a
 20 GUIDE/TV button, designates the LCF as the default channel to
 which the system automatically tunes when exiting the guide
 mode, or presses a LAST CHANNEL button on the remote control
 unit to simultaneously exit the guide mode and tune the system
 to the LCF. Alternately, the system may employ separate
 25 television and PIP tuners. In the guide mode, the television
 input is switched to the PIP tuner and the television tuner
 remains tuned to the LCF. Thus, when the viewer reselects the
 television viewing mode, the program being telecast on the LCF
 30 is displayed full screen.

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